1   [CompStat technology.]

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3   **Resolution commending the San Francisco Police Department for having been selected**

4   **to receive a grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice to purchase state-of-the-**

5   **art crime mapping technology through the federal "Community Oriented Policing**

6   **Services-Making Officer Redeployment Effective program; and urging the San**

7   **Francisco Police Department to continue to adopt innovative technology and**

8   **management strategies; and to adopt an accountability system as the department**

9   **begins to implement the technology component of CompStat.**

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11   WHEREAS, The City of San Francisco is working hard to improve its crime fighting

12   capabilities in order to make the city safer for all of its residents and visitors; and,

13   WHEREAS, Improving information technology can yield dramatic benefits for San

14   Franciscans, from reducing unsolved crimes to neutralizing gang activity to increasing

15   protection against terrorism; and,

16   WHEREAS, New York City and Chicago have led the way in using innovative

17   technology to reduce crime and improve the safety of their residents. Their usage of the

18   CompStat and CLEAR programs provide a model for how San Francisco can benefit from

19   improved crime-fighting technology; and,

20   WHEREAS, After the New York Police Department implemented CompStat

21   technology, New York City's rate of violent crime declined dramatically, far outpacing national

22   trends; and,

23   WHEREAS, Between 1993 and 1998, New York City experienced a 53 percent drop in

24   its burglary rate, 54 percent drop in reported robberies and a 67 percent drop in homicides.

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1   WHEREAS, CompStat is a marriage of technology and managing for results and

2 includes the principles of 1) accurate and timely intelligence, 2) rapid deployment, 3) effective

3 tactics, and 4) relentless follow-up and assessment; and,

4   WHEREAS, Each day, this technology allows precincts to electronically record

5 information about crimes committed, arrests made and citizen complaints; and,

6   WHEREAS, The San Francisco Police Department recently received a grant by the

7 U.S. Department of Justice to purchase state of the art crime mapping technology, which

8 would assist the department to begin to implement the technology component of Compstat;

9 and,

10   WHEREAS, In San Francisco, the implementation of CompStat would allow for the

11 identification of crime trends and patterns, which would enable more preventative action; and,

12   WHEREAS, Through improved information technology, the San Francisco Police

13 Department would be better equipped to access and update parolee and probationer files to

14 the extent allowed by law, as well as improve case management as offenders move through

15 the criminal justice system; and,

16   WHEREAS, The availability of this information would also help the San Francisco

17 Police Department to set goals and objectives, set and communicate strategy and evaluate

18 ongoing performance standards and measures; and

19   WHEREAS, The residents and visitors of San Francisco deserve the same

20 improvements in public safety as experienced by other cities as a result of having made

21 significant improvements to their information technology; therefore, be it

22   RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco

23 does hereby commend the San Francisco Police Department on its recent grant award from

24 the U.S. Department of Justice; and, be it

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1   FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors does hereby urge the San

2 Francisco Police Department to continue to adopt innovative technology and management

3 strategies; and, be it

4   FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors does hereby urge the San

5 Francisco Police Department, as it begins to implement the technology component of the

6 CompStat, to also adopt an accountability system, which would allow for the department to

7 hold regular meetings to review crime mapping data, to share information and innovations

8 throughout the chain of command, to plot strategies for addressing crime "hot spots" and to

9 share crime mapping data with the public so that they can be knowledgeable about what is

10 happening in their neighborhoods via the internet or through community meetings.

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